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ALIGNED SILICIDE AREAS FORMED USING A SUPPLEMENTAL SILICIDE
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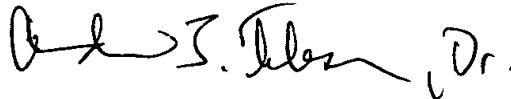
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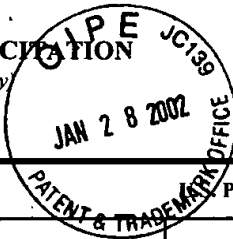


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PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A	5,965,917	10/1999	Maszara et al.	257	347	
	B	5,994,191	11/1999	Xiang et al.	438	300	
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